

1 REMARKS

2 The Examiner has required an election. Your applicant has elected the "grip clip
3 means (40)" species of Figs. 1-6, 10 and 12.

4 Your applicant has cancelled claims 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

5 Your applicant has amended claims 5 and 7.

6 Your applicant has added claims 8 through 14.

7 Your applicant asserts that antecedent basis exists for the amendments. Claims 8
8 through 14 and the amended claims 5 and 7 have primarily been drawn from the original
9 specification at page 3/line 30 through page 6/line 15.

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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS AND REMARKS**RESTRICTIONS**

The applicant has reviewed the Examiner's Action of July 12, 2004, and has addressed the restriction requirement and has Elected the grip clip (40) species without traverse. Your applicant expects to file a divisional relative to the non-grip clip species.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS, CANCELLATIONS AND ADDITIONS

Claims 1-4 and 6 have been cancelled.

Claims 5 and 7 have been currently amended.

Claims 8-14 have been currently added.

Accordingly, the applicant has made the required Election, has cancelled and amended claims and has made a good faith attempt to meet each issue relative to the required restriction as noted by the Examiner. The applicant requests the Examiner to proceed with the examination of the application on the merits of claims 5 and 7 and the added claims 8 to 14.

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